

## **Piano Duo Petkunaite**

Twin sisters Auguste and Ieva Petkunaite were born in 1998 in Klaipėda, Lithuania. Since 2018, they have been studying piano at the University of Music Freiburg, Germany (Prof. Christoph Sischka).

The Piano Duo Petkunaite was awarded first prize in seven international competitions. In 2019, they received first prize at the XXI Schubert Competition (XXI. Schubert-Wettbewerb) for piano duos in the Czech Republic in the category up to 21 years. In 2020, they also received first prize (Primo Premio Assoluto) in the piano four hands category at the International “Gianluca Campochiaro” Competition in Sicily and Second Prize as the best-placed piano duo at the Ilmari-Hannikainen Chamber Music Competition in Finland. In October 2020, Auguste and Ieva Petkunaite were awarded first prize at the Ninth International Competition for the Interpretation of Ostracized Music in Germany.

The Piano Duo Petkunaite has already given concerts in Lithuania, Germany, Finland, the Czech Republic, and Italy. This includes concerts with the Jyväskylä Symphony Orchestra (Finland) and the Kaunas Symphony Orchestra (Lithuania), and the Munich Chamber Orchestra (Germany) as semifinalists at the 70th ARD International Music Competition in Munich.